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CAPLE HARDWARE SOLD

Mr. Joseph E. Page, of Clare, the Purchaser

WALTER CAPLE MOVES TO FARM

Known As the Doherty Farm Four Miles North of Clare

Walter Caple, manager of the Caple Hardware Co., tired of the hustle incident to the retail hardware business, got busy last week and sold the whole stock in a lump to Joseph E. Page of Clare, who took possession Monday, October 27.

Mr. Page comes to Alma from Clare and in the purchase of the Caple hardware stock secures the ownership of one of the best retail hardware establishments in central Michigan. The business was started some seventeen years ago under the firm name of Caple & Hall, later Mr. Hall retired and the firm became known as J. S. Caple & Son, for some years the name "The Caple Hardware Co." has been used to an extent that throughout this section of Gratiot county it has become a household word to those in need of hardware.

In the deal, Mr. Caple becomes the owner of what is known as the Doherty farm in Clare county, the farm comprises 360 acres in Vernon township, four miles south of the city of Clare. One of the largest barns in Michigan is on this farm, a structure 200 feet long, 45 feet wide and 58 feet high. The buildings are in A-1 shape and the farm well stocked.

Mr. Page, in addition to the hardware stock, secures Mr. Caple's residence on Center street, which with his family, wife and son, he expects to soon occupy.

Walter Caple will, as soon as business details are closed up, move to the farm and become a resident of Isabella county. In the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Caple from Alma the city loses a family who have for years been actively identified with the social and business life of the community. Mr. Caple at present represents the second ward on the city council and for fourteen years has been identified one way or another with the city fire department. While the citizens of Alma regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Caple from their midst, yet they extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Page.

SETS PURITY SUNDAY

Gov. Ferris Issues Proclamation For Day of Observance

ASKS AID FROM CLERGYMEN

November Nine Is the Day Designated By the Governor

"The Seventh International Purity Congress will convene in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 7 to 12, 1913. Sunday, November 9th, has been designated 'Purity Sunday,' the purpose being to create and crystallize intelligent sentiment against the

greatest evils of our time, and to direct this stirred conscience into safe and sane action for the annihilation of commercialized vice and the promotion of social and personal morality."

Every state in the Union is expending vast sums of money for the purpose of caring for its imbeciles, epileptics, lunatics, paupers and criminals. This is a commendable characteristic of modern civilization. In recent years the pertinent question has been asked, "Why not give careful attention to the source of these unfortunate?" Every child has the divine right to be decently born. Social and individual purity together with physical and mental vigor constitutes a secure means of making this divine right possible.

The people of our great state must be awakened. They must come to an appreciation of the full meaning and importance of a **Single Standard of Virtue**, if they are ever to banish white slavery and kindred crimes from society.

On Purity Sunday let all of the clergymen of all of the churches appeal to all of the people in behalf of that purity which Christ taught. Emphasize the positive side of personal righteousness. Much that is printed in books and proclaimed from the platform, in relation to sex problems, is true, yet positively pernicious. Knowledge in itself does not always make for virtue—it may make for vicious conduct. Therefore, awaken and arouse a love for purity. It is the sunlight of righteousness that the youth of our land must have if they are to grow into the fullness of noble manhood and womanhood.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Quarterly meeting at the United Brethren church Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1 and 2. Services Saturday afternoon at 2:30 and at night at 7:30. Sunday morning services will begin at 9:30 and at the usual hour Sunday night. Rev. J. E. Harwood of Hart, Mich., will be present to conduct the services. Everybody cordially invited.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Free Methodists will hold their quarterly meeting this week from October 31 to November 2. Services as follows: Friday, Oct. 31—Preaching 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1—Preaching 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2—Love Feast 9:30 a.m. Preaching 10:00 a.m., followed by Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Preaching 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to these services. Rev. H. D. F. Gaffin, district elder, will be in charge of these services. Quitman Smith, pastor.

ENTERTAINMENT UNIQUE.

The story of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the greatest transportation company in the world, will be ably told by M. L. O. Armstrong, and superbly illustrated by moving pictures and lantern slides. Mr. Armstrong is one of the best platform speakers now before the American public; pleasing in manner and forceful in delivery. He knows his subject well and handles it in a masterly manner. People engaged in agriculture or interested in it will find this lecture particularly interesting. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Alma High school Athletic association, at High school auditorium, 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 3, 1913. Admission 10 cents.

The ladies of Division No. 1 of the M. E. church will serve a first class Supper for only 25 cents in the church parlors next Wednesday night. x

AUCTION SALES

November 5th

Commencing at 9 o'clock a. m., C. B. Stump, living one-half mile west of Shepherd will offer for sale at public auction, eleven head of horses, 9 head of cattle, 9 hogs and one of the largest lists of farm implements yet offered for sale in that vicinity. Remember the date. See adv. on page 6.

November 11th

Having decided to quit farming, Albert Balch will sell at public auction at his farm, four and one-half miles north of Alma Manufacturing Plant, two miles east and one-half mile north of Forest Hill, or two miles west and two and one-half miles north of St. Louis on Tuesday, Nov. 11, a large list of personal property. See adv. on page 6.

THE MUSICAL EVENT

Season 1913-1914, Occurs Nov. 11th At Realty Opera House

MISSSES MARY AND VELMA SHARP

Give Joint Recital Under Auspices of College Musical Society

The Euterpe society is to present the Misses Sharpe in concert, Nov. 11. Alma will soon be privileged to hear in two of her own young people artists whose talent is not only known at home, but recognized abroad.

The following press notices verify their reputation in Vienna where they have received training, and where their concerts have been received with enthusiasm.

Miss Mary Sharp's first number, the aria from the "Magic Flute," both in difficulty of execution and range is one of the greatest of arias for coloratura. In it she touched F in alt. "Er ist's," by Hugo Wolf, she made especially interesting. The Page's aria from "The Huguenots," was Miss Sharp's best number and showed her most finished work. In her two English songs as in her other numbers, her brilliant and versatile talent showed to the best advantage.

Miss Velma Sharp of Alma, Mich., a brilliant Leschetizky pupil, played before the Frauenklub on Tuesday evening, the 18th instant, with marked success. On her program were the first movement of the Schumann Fantasia in C major, Cerebriane's Nocturne for the left hand alone, and Leschetizky's Toccata. Miss Sharp combines a brilliant technique with great musical feeling and delicacy of expression. As a matter of course, encores were demanded and responded to, the Chopin waltz in C sharp minor being given with special grace. —British-American Post, Vienna, Feb. 4, 1911.

CLUB FEDERATION DAY

Woman's Clubs of City Guests of the Civic Improvement League

MRS. FRANCIS KING, HOSTESS

Interesting Reports and Papers Given By Federation Delegates

Monday afternoon at the home of the acting president, Mrs. Francis King, the members of the Woman's club, the Alma Art club and the Garden club of Alma were guests of the Civic Improvement league for the annual Federation Day meeting. The call to order was given by the hostess who called on Mrs. J. S. Caple to preside. Mrs. Caple represented the Civic Improvement league at the State Federation held in Muskegon last week and gave a general outline of the work done there. Miss Sadie Messenger, of the Woman's club, reviewed the music given at the Federation and the lectures of Dr. Sanford and others. Mrs. F. C. Thornburgh, the Art club representative, reported the art lectures and decorations. Miss Anna Montigel, who attended the Vocational lectures given in Grand Rapids the latter part of the week, gave an interesting talk on Vocational training.

Coffee, sandwiches and wafers provided by the C. I. league were served by Mesdames F. E. Ellsworth and Simon Messenger.

PARSONAGE REPAIRED

Rev. Brownlow and Family Now Occupying State St. Home

The repairing at the Methodist parsonage on State street is progressing rapidly. The inside work is practically completed; the rooms throughout the house have been papered and painted, the bathroom enlarged, basement, furnace and cistern repaired, new linoleum has been laid in the kitchen and a new range installed. The outside of the house will be painted in the near future. Rev. Brownlow and family moved into the parsonage last week and will soon be settled and at home to their friends.

THOS. J. BLAIR DEAD.

Thomas J. Blair, one of Gratiot county's well known citizens, died at Rochester, Minnesota, last week where he had gone to secure medical assistance from the Dr. Mayos. The remains were brought to his home at Elm Hall last Monday and funeral services were held Wednesday at the house of one p. m. and at the church at two p. m. Mr. Blair was a man who had a wide circle of friends throughout the Saginaw valley, all of whom held him in the highest esteem for his many virtues. In his death Summer township and Gratiot county have lost a citizen whose sterling qualities will long be remembered.

REV. A. W. JOHNSTONE

Gave Address At Annual Founders' Day Celebration

IN COLLEGE CHAPEL FRIDAY EVE.

Spoke On Aims of Founders—Musical Program Given

Last Friday evening in the college chapel was celebrated the annual Founders' Day. A musical program was given by Messrs. Veatch, Fannell and Davis and Miss Roberts. After the program, Prof. Mitchell introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. A. W. Johnstone, of Cadillac.

Dr. Johnstone said he could not speak directly of the founders of the college as he knew only two of them, but told of their aim in founding the college and how though their plans were not all carried out they were the foundation for the working plans of today. The chief desire of these grand men was to make Alma college a Christian college, that the boys and girls studying within her walls would receive the broadest, most helpful education possible. He spoke of lessons that had come to him while crossing the ocean and the plains, of how God can see and watches all things at the same time and how necessary for Christian institutions and teachers to do more than one thing at a time, and that the founders of Alma college had learned the lesson, saw many needs and had many aims. He told of the great need of Christian institutions and the demand for educated Christian men and women and the founders had provided a means to supply that demand and referred to the numerous graduates of the college who were occupying the best positions in the commercial and professional world. His closing appeal was that all might study the aims of these men, which culminated in the one great aim—developing Christian character and let them be an inspiration to them.

Before beginning his address Dr. Johnstone thanked the college for conferring the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him last June.

SUPERINTENDENT STATE I. O. O. F. HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith of W. Superior street have been appointed superintendent and matron of the Michigan Oddfellows' Home in Jackson, their new duties to commence Dec. 1st. The appointment was made at the recent annual meeting of the lodges throughout the state held in Kalamazoo on the recommendation of the Alma lodge. Mr. Smith has been in the employ of a monument and tombstone company for some time and came to Alma with his family from North Star six months ago.

GOES TO BRECKENRIDGE.

Jack Barkman, who for the past three years has been in the employ of the local office of the Michigan State Telephone Co. as lineman has been assigned the position of manager of the Breckenridge office for the same company. Mr. Barkman has "made good" in his present position and his friends feel sure of his success in the new work. He will move his family to Breckenridge immediately and takes the position November 1st.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FOR ALMA.

The W. R. C. netted twenty-six dollars and seventy-five cents from the chicken pie supper given last Saturday evening. This amount is to be used toward a soldiers' monument to be placed in Riverside cemetery. The women have a hundred dollars on hand, exclusive of the proceeds of the supper, another hundred has been pledged by the Morgan Post of the G. A. R. and several hundred more will be raised. They hope to have the monument ready to be unveiled Decoration Day.

FRIENDS SURPRISED

Miss Pearl Dwyer Becomes Mrs. Carl Lanshaw

AT 12:30 O'CLOCK OCT. 25TH

Ceremony Performed by Father Mulvey in the Presence of Friends

At the hour of twelve-thirty Saturday morning, at his residence, Father Mulvey united the lives of Miss Pearl Dwyer and Carl W. Lanshaw of Forest Hill in matrimony. The ring service was used and only a few friends were present.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of hand-embroidered shadow lace over white satin, with a black picture hat and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by her sister, Miss Winnie Dwyer of Clare.

The groom was attended by Mr. Will Moody of Forest Hill. Immediately following the ceremony the bridal party of fifteen went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ruggles, where they with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Seigler were hosts and hostesses at a five-course wedding breakfast.

The couple were driven by autos to Elwell in time to take the morning train for Big Rapids where they will make their home.

The ceremony was planned to take place at seven o'clock Saturday morning and great plans had been made to have a parade and give the "newly weds" a "joy ride" through the streets. The couple heard of this and decided to get the best of their friends and be married earlier. However, the ring had been forgotten and left at the groom's home in Forest Hill, so in company with Mr. Moody they made a flying trip after it and when they did not return in a reasonable time, Mr. Seigler started after them in his machine. Soon after passing the Day school house he came upon two lone stragglers who proved to be none other than the missing groom and his attendant, and what a tale of woe! When half way to Alma the gasoline had given out and as it was then eleven o'clock there was nothing to do but pull the machine to one side of the road and start out to walk. The ride on the "home stretch" was indeed a welcome one and gratefully taken advantage of. After they arrived in the city everything went off nicely with no further mishaps.

Miss Dwyer has been employed as stenographer by the Central Michigan Produce Co. for the past four years and has made many friends in Alma. Mr. Lanshaw is the son of John Lanshaw of Forest Hill and is well known throughout the county and has the highest esteem of all who know him.

JOHN SMITH INJURED

In Cave-In On State Street Sewer Last Friday

GETS INDEMNITY INSURANCE

First Claim On City Under Workman's Compensation Law

John Smith of Wright avenue received a broken ankle last Friday while working on the State street sewer. The accident was occasioned by a cave-in, though seemingly every precaution was taken, two large chunks of clay fell in on him, one so large it had to be broken with a pickaxe before it could be removed. The injured man was taken to his home where Dr. Thornburgh set the broken bones. Mr. Smith will receive an indemnity of probably fifty per cent of his wages while incapacitated.

Last June the city took out a policy in the Travelers' Insurance Co. under the Workmen's Compensation law and this accident is the first which has happened since that time and because of the policy the city is released from any further liabilities. The State Industrial board will adjust the claim and determine what amount must be paid by the insurance company. L. C. Stinchcomb is the local agent through whom the policy was secured.

The ladies of Division No. 1 of the M. E. church will serve a first class Supper for only 25 cents in the church parlors next Wednesday night. x

AWARDED \$1500 DAMAGES.

The Limit Under the Federal Statute.

The case of the administrator of T. A. Spalsburg vs. the Ann Arbor railway came before Judge Searl of the Gratiot county circuit court Wednesday morning, Oct. 22, and was settled Friday, Oct. 24, for \$1500 damages.

Ray Spalsburg was fatally injured March 9, 1912, at McBain, while employed as rear brakeman for the Ann Arbor railway on a through freight train. From the testimony of the engineer the first brakeman and a farmer, who witnessed the accident, it was shown that it was caused by a confusion of signals between the first brakeman and the engineer. Being an interstate train the federal interstate law controlled and the limit of damages under this law is the actual amount which some dependent person would have received from the deceased. Spalsburg was a single man and only helping his people on a place, as a result, \$1500 was the total amount obtainable.

Attorneys Chas. H. Goggin and John T. Matthews represented the plaintiff and Gustave Oblinger of Toledo with Kress & Dunham the railroad.

SAFETY IS INCREASED

First State Bank Installs Manganese Steel Safe

For the safety of stockholders and depositors of the First State bank the directors of that financial institution had a Victor sphere shaped safe installed last week. The safe weighs three tons, is made of manganese steel and is considered the latest and best work in safe construction. The safe sets outside of the vault and contains six cubic feet of space. The sphere rests on a silver chest of the same capacity. Three time lock work automatically in closing and opening the safe and the whole structure is so constructed as to defy the work of the most skilled burglar.

A. A. R. R. GRANTS WAGE INCREASE.

Three-Day Conference Ends in Victory for Enginemen.

It was announced at the end of a conference between the committee representing the engineers and firemen of the Ann Arbor railroad, and the officials, which lasted three days, that the men have been granted an increase of 8.1 per cent in wages. The increase is effective November 1. This increase is not as large as the men wanted but is practically satisfactory to them for the present.

Another conference will be held in July, 1914, to discuss working conditions.

Addison Robinson, a St. Louis resident, dropped dead in Ithaca Sunday evening. Mr. Robinson had been employed by the paving contractor in Ithaca as a teamster and had just returned from spending the day with his family in St. Louis. He left his friends to care for his team in Otto's feed barn and when he did not return a search was made for him. His body was found beside the horses where he evidently had fallen soon after going into the barn. Mr. Robinson was a man about fifty years of age. The body was taken to St. Louis Monday morning.

The Alpha Theta society of the college entertained the Zeta Sigma society Saturday evening with a chafing-dish party.

WM. P. STICKROD DEAD

Arcada Farmer Died Last Week--Buried Friday

The funeral service of Wm. Preston Stickrod, who died at his home south of Alma last Tuesday, was held at the home Friday afternoon by Rev. Wm. H. Mason and burial was made in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Stickrod was born in Kentucky sixty-nine years ago, but came to Alma nearly four years ago from Champaign county, Ill.

Last week, Monday evening, he suffered a paralytic stroke and died Tuesday morning. He leaves a widow and six children, Mrs. Calvin Hedrick, Mrs. Emma Prugh, Richard H. and T. J. Stickrod of near Alma, Mrs. Eleanor Ham of Rensselaer, Ind., and Frank of Cavalier, N. D.

A VIRGINIAN ROMANCE

Musical Comedy To Be Given At The Realty Opera House

PROF. VEATCH THE DIRECTOR

Best Local Talent—Real Southern Atmosphere Surrounds Story

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a musical comedy "A Virginian Romance," under the direction of Reese Farrington Veatch, at the opera house, Friday evening, November 7th. Price of tickets, adults 50c., children 25c. Tickets may be secured from the Ladies of the church, at Rhodes' Drug store and Mrs. S. Gaffney's store.

Reserved seat sale at Mitchell's Drug Store, November 7th at no extra charge.

The following will be the cast for the play.

Dorothea Kent: A cousin from the north and a madcap..... Velma Gilmore
Katherine Lee.....Alice Kennedy
Francis Kent.....Velma Sharp
Lou Heverly.....Mary Sharp
Col. Heverly, an ex-Confederate and a gentleman of the old school.....Grant Cook
Moses—Col. Heverly's colored servant—a privileged character.....Paul Austin
Harry Lee.....Earl Holmes
Frank Lee.....Oscar Anderson
Dick Osgood.....Bope Butte
"Jack" Winthrop, a Yankee college chum of the Lees and in love with Miss Lou Thomas A. Fannell
Aunt Nancy, sister-in-law of Col. Heverly.....Harriet McGraham
Mrs. Lee, a neighbor of Col. Heverly.....Bertha McLaren
Chorus of guests.

ACT I.
Col. Heverly's Plantation. "Under the shade of the blossoming trees."

ACT II.
Reception room at the home of Mrs. Lee. "Oh, when hearts are young and hearts are gay."

THE LYCEUM COURSE

Extra Number "Ruth," a Sacred Cantata by Alfred R. Gaul

TO BE GIVEN IN FEBRUARY

High School Chorus of 160 Voices Under the Direction of Harriette E. McGraham

The Lyceum committee takes great pleasure in announcing that patrons of the Lyceum course for 1913-1914 may enjoy this musical treat as an extra number on the course and at a reduced rate of admission by presenting their season tickets at the door. Get your tickets NOW! First drawing Nov. 10th.

The officers of the Lyceum course for the coming year are as follows: Chairman—Charles G. Rhodes. Secretary—John T. Ewing. Treasurer—John Knoetzer. Asst. Secretary—Karl Adams.

JOHN HOLLIDAY CHICK.

I arrived in Alma, Wednesday morning and weigh ten pounds. Mamma and I are at home and you will find my papa, the proudest man in Alma, at the Economy Shoe store.

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NOTICE.

Having sold our hardware stock to Joseph E. Page, of Clare, who is already in possession of same we wish to take this opportunity to thank our friends and patrons for their liberal patronage extended to us in the past and also bespeak for our successor, Mr. Page, the same liberal treatment.

As I expect to leave the city soon it becomes necessary to close up all accounts at once. If you are indebted to the store call and settle your account. Respectfully,

WALTER CAPLE, Mgr.
THE CAPLE HARDWARE CO.